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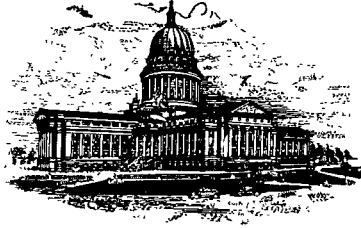
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sales tax exemption for devices to  
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**Date:** 03/08/2000  
**To:** Joe Kreye  
**From:** Lori, Rep. Don Hasenohrl  
**RE:** Bill Draft

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The following is a list of the low vision aids suggested by a constituent:

Video Magnifier

Modified computers - voice option called JAWS

Scanners that read printed copy

Enclosed is a copy of a brochure for the video magnifier.

Don would like the bill to be drafted broadly.



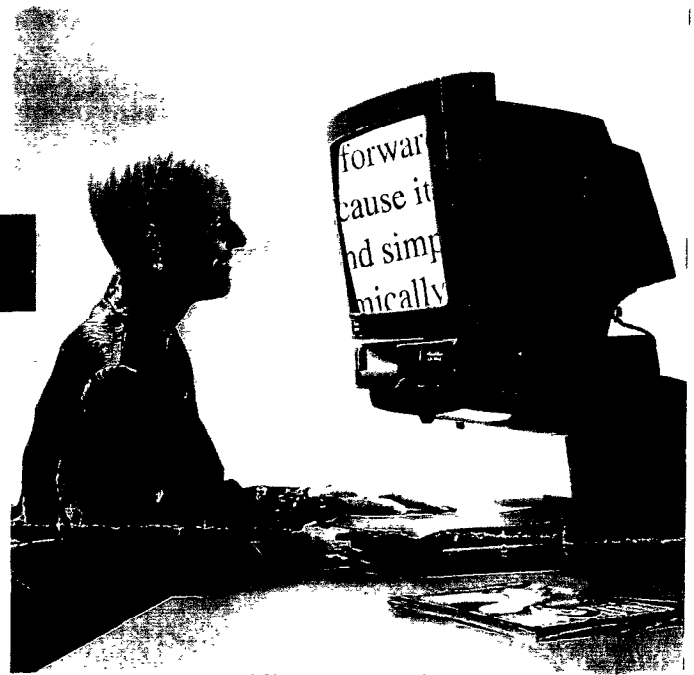
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- Offers the pleasure and independence that comes from easy reading
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The only magnifier you will ever need

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**Attractive Financing** - Monthly payments are available and we accept major credit cards, enabling you to have an Aladdin Ultra in your home in a matter of days.

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## Specifications:

### Dimensions -

Width	17"	(43.2 cm)
Depth	20.1"	(51.1 cm)
Height	27"	(68.6 cm)

**Weight** - 51.4 lbs (23.4 kg) monitor/camera

**Fuse** - 2 amp time delay, 250v

**Monitor** - Black & White  
17" (43 cm) diagonally

**Monitor Viewing Area** -  
16.5" (41.9 cm) diagonally

**Magnification** - 5.4X - 60X

### Power Requirements -

60 HZ, 115 VAC (+10%), 50W max.  
Includes removable power cord.

### Environment -

Operating Temperature  
+41F to +122F (+5C to +50C)

Storage Temperature -  
-4F to +140F (-20C to +60C)

### Safety Approvals -

ETL, C-ETL and FDA



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1 AN ACT..., relating to: a sales tax and use tax exemption for devices used to assist  
2 the visually impaired.

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**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

This bill creates a sales tax and a use tax exemption for devices that are used to assist the visually impaired.

This bill will be referred to the joint survey committee on tax exemptions for a detailed analysis, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

For further information **see the state and local** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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**The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:**

3 SECTION 1. <sup>4</sup>77.54 (45) of the statutes is created to read:

4 77.54 (45) The gross receipts from the sale of and the storage, use or other  
5 consumption of devices that are used to assist the visually impaired, including video  
6 magnifiers, scanners for reading printed material and computer modifications. In  
7 this subsection, "visually impaired" has the meaning given in s. 115.51 (4).

8 SECTION 2. **Effective date.**





**SUBMITTAL  
FORM**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU  
Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561  
5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street**

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and **sign** on the appropriate line(s) below.

**Date:** 03/09/2000

To: Representative Hasenohrl

**Relating to LRB drafting number:** LRB-4703

**Topic**

Sales tax and use tax exemption for devices to assist the visually impaired

**Subject(s)**

Tax - sales



1. **JACKET** the draft for introduction \_\_\_\_\_

in the **Senate** \_\_\_\_ or the **Assembly**  (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the **LRB's** drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies.

2. **REDRAFT**. See the changes indicated or attached \_\_\_\_\_.

A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated.

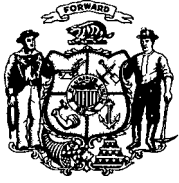
3. Obtain **FISCAL ESTIMATE NOW**, prior to introduction \_\_\_\_\_.

If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-3561. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

Joseph T. Kreye, Legislative Attorney  
Telephone: (608) 266-2263

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April 11, 2000

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Representative Hasenohrl

**From:** Joseph T. Kreye, Legislative Attorney, (608) 266-2263

**Subject:** Technical Memorandum to **1999 AB 901** (LRB 99-4703/1)

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We received the attached technical memorandum relating to your bill. This copy is for your information and your file. If you wish to discuss this memorandum or the necessity of revising your bill or preparing an amendment, please contact me.

**M E M O R A N D U M**

April 7, 2000

**TO:** Joseph Kreye  
Legislative Reference Bureau

**FROM:** Yeang-Eng Braun *YEB*  
Department of Revenue

**SUBJECT:** Technical Memorandum on AB 901, Creating a Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Devices Used to Assist the Visually Impaired

The Department of Revenue is concerned that the sales and use tax exemption for devices that are used to assist the visually impaired could provide a much broader exemption than intended.

As currently written, this bill would provide an exemption for any device that is used to assist the visually impaired, regardless of whether the device is used in visual assistance. Therefore, the exemption may apply to almost every device a visually impaired person may purchase. For example, under this bill, a garage door opener that is used to assist a visually impaired person in opening his or her garage door would become exempt. The Department suggests language that would limit the exemption to devices used exclusively by visually impaired persons for visual assistance.

If you have questions regarding this technical memorandum, please contact John Stott at 266-9706.

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